

District of South Carolina
Electronic Case Filing Policies and Procedures

Summary of Amendments Since Initial Adoption*
(complete through May 12, 2006)

Overall Summary: The sections listed below were modified to reflect seven overall changes in the Policies and Procedures:

- (1) the extension of ECF filing privileges to counsel in multidistrict litigation (MDL);
- (2) the allowance of digital signatures;
- (3) the conclusion of the transition period;
- (4) variations in judicial preferences for submitting proposed orders;
- (5) general acceptance of automatically generated deadlines (as shown on docket); and
- (6) clarification that documents may be protected by limiting electronic access when required by governing rules or orders.
- (7) addition of “inappropriate material” as information subject to redaction or sealing.

Section modified	Date modified	Summary of Change
1.3 Filing User	10/7/2005	<i>Filing User</i> is redefined to allow counsel in multidistrict litigation to file documents via ECF.
1.9 Proposed Order	10/7/2005	<i>Proposed Order</i> is redefined to delete instructions on the method of submission (now addressed under “Judges Preferences” on court’s website).
2.1 Cases Subject to Electronic Filing	5/12/2006	Changed to delete reference to § 13.2 (Limited Access Cases).
3.1 Participation	10/7/2005	Changed both to delete reference to transition period (now completed) and to reflect participation by MDL attorneys.
3.4 Registration	10/7/2005	Changed to reflect participation of MDL attorneys.
4.2 Signing of Electronic Orders	10/7/2005 5/12/2006	Changed to permit digital signatures on orders. Changed to use permissive rather than mandatory language re: judge’s signature. Removed definition of digital signature.
4.3 Proposed Order	10/7/2005	Changed to allow flexibility as to how orders should be submitted (consistent with change to Section 1.9).

6.3 Timeliness	10/7/2005	Changed to give effect to the automatically generated due dates reflected on the docket absent oral or written order setting a different deadline.
10.1 Effectiveness of Electronic Signature	10/7/2005 5/12/2006	Changed to permit use of digital signatures on documents submitted by counsel. Changed to delete definition of digital signature and to add reference to the <i>Attorney User Manual</i> for acceptable forms of signature.
10.2 Identifying Information Required	10/7/2005	Adds requirement for <i>Filing Users</i> participating as MDL counsel to identify the district court which issued their federal bar number.
10.4 Multiple Signatures	10/7/2005	Modified to reflect allowance of digital signatures.
12.1(a) Methods of Alternative Service	10/7/2005	Modified to reflect allowance of digital signatures.
13.1 <i>PACER</i> Access	5/12/2006	Changed to delete reference to specific examples of cases with limited public access.
13.2 Limited Access to Cases and Documents	10/7/2005 5/12/2006	Revised to clarify that public access may be limited to individual documents as well as entire cases. Changed to delete references to specific cases or documents, instead directing Clerk of Court to implement policies and rules.
13.4 Privacy	5/12/2006	Changed to delete the statement that redaction is not required in cases with limited electronic access.
13.4.2 Redaction of Certain Personal Identifiers	5/12/2006	Changed to add requirement that home addresses be redacted only in criminal cases
13.4.3 Protection of Other Sensitive Information	5/12/2006	Changed to provide a “catch all” category of “inappropriate material” that should be redacted or filed under seal, e.g., pornography.